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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, which was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 2001, in the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect with traverse Group II, drawn to methods of producing neural stem cells. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because the claims encompass overlapping subject matter, and thus Groups I and II could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden.

Applicants add new claims 35-42. Support for the subject matter of these claims is found throughout the specification. No new matter has been entered. New claims 35-42 are directed at methods of producing the subject stem cells. Accordingly, claims 18-20 and 35-42 are Group II inventions, and are elected with traverse by this response.